

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
BEFORE THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS UTILITIES

Development of a Statewide, Multi-Use Online Energy Data Platform

Docket No. DE 19-197

Petition of Community Choice Partners, Inc. for Intervention

Pursuant to the Order of Notice issued by the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission on December 13 in the above-captioned proceeding, N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.17, and RSA 541-A:32, Community Choice Partners, Inc. (“CCPartners”) hereby petitions for leave to intervene in this matter. In support of its petition, CCPartners states the following:

Rule Puc 203.17 provides that the Commission shall grant petitions to intervene in accordance with the standards of RSA 541-A:32. RSA 541-A:32, part of the Administrative Procedure Act, provides that a petition to intervene shall be granted upon a showing that the petitioner has “rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other substantial interests” that may be affected by the proceeding, and “the interests of justice and the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings would not be impaired by allowing the intervention.”

According to the Order of Notice, this docket concerns the development, implementation, and maintenance of a statewide, multi-use online energy data platform in accordance with RSA 378:50 through :54 (as enacted last year as 2019 N.H. Laws Ch. 286, and as proposed by SB 284); issues relating to privacy policies for customer data in accordance with RSA 363:37 and :38; issues relating to the availability and transmittal of certain energy usage data pursuant to RSA 53-E:4; and the question of whether the cost of the platform recovered from customers is reasonable and in the public interest (or else whether implementation of the platform should be deferred). For the reasons that

follow, these determinations may impact the rights, duties, privileges, immunities, or other substantial interests of CCPartners.

CCPartners is a benefit corporation founded to assist local communities achieve their energy policy goals. Our clients reflect the diversity of the energy industry, and have included: city and county governments, municipal and investor owned utilities, Community Choice Aggregation agencies, energy technology and software companies, labor unions and electrical contractor associations, and a variety of consumer advocate, environmental and social justice nonprofits. We have prepared and submitted regulatory filings in California and New York, in both a volunteer and professional capacity, pertaining to market design including on matters related to governance, metering, data access and the associated Information and Communication Technology infrastructure. We have also convened dozens of professionals and moderated panels and educational workshops at various industry conferences in recent years to discuss these matters. Our volunteer activities in New Hampshire over the last six months have included discussions and correspondence with the Governor's Office of Strategic Initiatives and Office of Consumer Advocate, legislators, regulatory professionals, local elected officials and staff; presentations to local energy committees, the Conservation Law Foundation's Municipal Roundtable, and Clean Energy New Hampshire's Local Energy Solutions conference; and numerous engagements with an ad-hoc group of municipalities that meets regularly to discuss Community Power market design and implementation issues.

CCPartners mission and business interests will be directly affected by the outcome of this docket. Local communities and customers across New Hampshire stand to benefit from streamlining retail market innovation, retail choice and Community Power programs. Our educational efforts in New Hampshire have consistently emphasized the importance of metering, data management and data access in the context of retail product innovation and system optimization, the barriers and inefficiencies in this and other critical regards imposed by the differential capabilities and practices

across distribution utilities from an operational perspective, and the structural reforms that other organized electricity markets have implemented, both in the USA and internationally, to standardize and streamline metering, data management, change management, data access and other functions necessary to support market-based retail product innovation, maximize public welfare and maintain system stability in the context of rapidly changing policy goals, technology and market dynamics, and consumer preferences. CCPartners' President and founder, Samuel Golding, has over a decade of experience to draw upon regarding these and related matters, and expects to help develop a detailed record in this proceeding by participating in discovery and providing testimony. We also take service from Eversource and Unitil for electricity and natural gas, respectively.

WHEREFORE, CCPartners respectfully request that this honorable Commission:

- A. Grant the petition for intervention, and
- B. Provide any other such relief as it deems appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

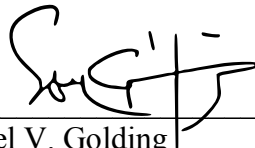


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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a copy of this Petition for intervention was provided via electronic mail to the individuals included on the Commission's service list for this docket.



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